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Projects under Namami Gange Mission
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities in the country including Uttarakhand in which projects have been started under the "Namami Gange Mission" along with the cost of these projects;
(b) whether any time limit has been fixed for completion of these projects, if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the role of the State Governments in these projects along with the number of villages proposed to be developed under this Mission?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) 97 projects have been sanctioned under Namami Gange programme in 53 towns at an estimated project cost of Rs 8588.21 Crore. Out of these, 12 projects are sanctioned exclusively under new components of Namami Gange programme at a sanctioned cost of Rs 351.42 Crore.

In addition, 5 central public sector units namely WAPCOS, EIL, NBCC, NPCC, EPIL have been recently engaged to carry out of work on condition Assessment & Feasibility Study and Entry level activities under under Namami Gange Programme in their respective river stretches in Uttarakhand, UP, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal. 59 towns have been surveyed so far and 27 pre-feasibility reports prepared and received. The other activities taken up under entry level activities include repair and modernization of Ghats, provision of public amenities, village level drain (VLD) treatment, repair and modernization of crematoria etc. 1242 ghats, 369 crematoria and 411 VLDs identified so far from the surveys and out of these 191 Ghats and 64 Crematoriums are recommended by ESC till date.
(b) The Namami Gange programme is scheduled to be completed by 2020. The target for completion of Entry level activities and medium level activities range between 18 months to 48 months.
(c) State Programming Management Groups (SPMG) have been constituted in each of the 5 Ganga river basin States, as registered societies of the State Government, except in the case of Jharkhand, where this activity will be performed by a dedicated cell within the Urban Development Department, as a dedicated institution for effective implementation of the NGRBA program activities at the State level, and as the State-level entity responsible in the long term for the conservation and health of the state's stretch of the river Ganga.

The Role and Responsibilities of SPMG include

(a) overall program planning and management at state level, ensuring satisfactory implementation of the state-level investments and activities in accordance with the agreed NGRBA program framework and implementation arrangements; providing guidance, support to the state EAs; and monitoring implementation performance of the EAs;

(b) ensuring compliance with agreed financial management policies and procedures including management of program funds, timely release of advance program funds to the EAs, conducting concurrent internal audits for all state level activities; ensuring compliance with audit observations, and submitting reimbursement claims to the PMG;

(c) capacity building of EAs; managing state level IEC campaigns, stakeholder consultations and community participation; and other state level activities in the Institutional Development Component (Component One) of the project;

(d) ensuring compliance with the agreed quality assurance of physical infrastructure investments; and ensuring compliance with the relevant Central and State Govt. policies;

(e) regular monitoring and evaluation of program performance, including regular review of strategies and implementation arrangements in the context of implementation experiences and for ensuring requisite course corrections as needed; and

(f) liaising with the PMG, including sending quarterly progress reports to the SGRCA and the PMG.

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